dity in the system under control. The Central Government has advised the State Governments to take strict action against traders indulging in profiteering, hoarding and blackmarketing.

73. [*Transferred to the 1st August, 1985.*]

News-Item Captioned "Extortion in Bank Clearing House"

74. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Extortion in bank clearing house" which appeared in the 'Times of India' on the 5th July, 1985;

(b) if so, whether Government have ordered any enquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and what action has been taken against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) State Bank of India has reported that there was suspension of clearing house operations at Lucknow on a few occasions in the recent past. Reserve Bank of India has been advised to take remedial measures immediately.

Modernisation of Steel Plants

75. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost for modernisation and expansion of each integrated steel plant; and

(b) the amount of money allotted for each plant, year-wise, during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 for these purposes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Bokaro and Bhilai steel plants are being expanded to 4 million tonnes capacity. The latest estimated costs of these schemes are Rs. 2,000, and Rs. 2,300 crores respectively.

SAIL have formulated schemes for technological upgradation of the steel plants at Durgapur, Rourkela and Burnpur (IISCO), at estimated costs of Rs. 990 crores, Rs. 690 crores and Rs. 930 crores respectively. Investment decisions will be taken after the 7th Plan allocations of the steel sector are finalised.

(b) The information is as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Expansion :	1984-85	1985-86
Bhilai 4 MT .	215.41	210.00
Bokaro 4 MT .	144.30	124.00
Modernisation:		
Durgapur . .	5.00	16.00
Rourkela . .	1.00	1.00
IISCO. . .	—	1.00

Free Trade Zone at Falta in West Bengal

76. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state what are the details of the progress regarding the establishment of Free Trade Zone at Falta in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): For the Falta export processing zone, 105 acres of land has been taken over and developed. Construction of boundary wall has also been completed. Applications for 12 industrial units to be set up in the Zone have been approved. The schedule for the requisite